Investment of financial institutions with various public sector Companies

1362. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to present a consolidated picture of the accrediated value of the investment of the financial institutions with the various public sector companies; and

(b) if so, by when the details are likely to be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Privatisation of some nationalised banks

1363. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under their consideration to privatise State Bank of India, Canara Bank and Punjab National Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for privatisation of State Bank of India, Canara Bank and Punjab National Bank.

News item captioned 'Duty evasion charged against RPL dropped'

1364. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in Economic Times of the 13th May, 1991 captioned "Duty evasion charge against RPL dropped"; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons for dropping the charges and what is the loss caused to Government on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M|s. Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd. had imported two consignments of compressors totally valued at Rs. 6.40 crores. For the purposes of customs clearance they claimed assessment of goods as compressors other than those intended to be used in refrigerating equipment. However, the Customs authorities felt that these were intended for use in refrigerating equipment. Accordingly, two show-cause notices were issued to the importers. The amount of duty differential involved was Rs. 11.78 crores. Collector of Customs (J), Bombay, who adjudicated the case, held that the goods were assessable to duty as compressors of a kind used in refrigerating equipment.

As regards licence, the importers had claimed the goods to be falling under the category of capital goods for chemical industry. The Collector of Customs agreed with the contention of importer and, therefore, held that the more specific entry would be the OGL entry for capital goods. The import was, therefore, held valid under OGL Collector further observed that as the import was covered under OGL and the DGTD had recommended grant of the benefit of concessional rate of duty under "project assessment", the benefit of capital project assessment may be allowed on a provisional basis

There is no loss of duty as such as the order has been passed in quasi-judicial proceedings. Legal remedies are available against the order passed in adjudication.

1365. [*Transferred to the 31st July, 1991*]

Qualification laid down for appointment of Local (Health) Authority by Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration

1366. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration Delhi Administration, Delhi has laid down the minimum qualification for the appointment of Local (Health) Authority as post graduation in science or equivalent in the recruitment rules;

(b) if so, whether the technical qualifications of food hygiene, science and Human health is necessary for Local (Health) Authority to enable him come to the right conclusion in respect of destruction of seized perishable food articles under Section 10(4.-A) of PFA Act; and

(c) if so, action proposed by Government to denotify the non-technical SDMs of Delhi notified as Local (Health) Authority under PFA Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, has prescribed Post-graduate in Science or equivalent as minimum qualification for appointment to the post of Local (Health) Authority.

There is no statutorily prescribed qualification for Local (Health) Authority under the provisions of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

Clue to mysterious killer disease in the capital

1367. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doctors/Specialists of various Government hospitals in the capital have failed to find the clue to the mysterious killer disease; so far;

(b) whether the Doctors of Batra Hospital, New Delhi, a private hospital and its medical research centre has found the clues of the disease and diagnoses, accordingly, to the victims;

(c) if so, the reasons for failure on the side of the Government doctors to detect the mysterious disease; and

(d) whether Government propose to modernise the testing systems of blood, etc. in various Government hospitals, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) A number of cases were admitted to some of the hospitals in Delhi during the last week of June, 1991 and beginning of July, 1991 with high fever and semi-consciousness/ unconsciousness. They had no other clinical signs or symptoms to indicate any specific disease. These cases have been diagnosed as heat hyper-pyrexiaence, there is no mystery about the disease.

Criteria for defining the backward sections

1368. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the definition of the term "socially and educationally